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SPRINGFIELD,

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SPRINGFIELD, VT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

JANUARY 31st, 1905.

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TOWN OFFICERS.

F H Spaulding	Moderator
M L Lawrence	Clerk
W H Cobb Frank Abbott F Z Preston	Selectmen
Wm H Wheeler	Treasurer
Geo W Bates	Road Commissioner
Wm H Cobb	Overseer of Poor
W H Frazier	1st Constable
W L Fairbanks	2nd Constable
R G Britton E W Olney R S Herrick	Listers
J W Bennett F C Davis E A Hills	Auditors
G F Leland, term expires 1905 Fred G Field, " " 1906 W H Wheeler " " 1907	Trustees Public Money
E B Flinn R M Colburn L M Cragin	Fence Viewers
F H Spaulding H H Blanchard F C Davis	Town Grand Jurors
E B Flinn	Inspector of Leather
Selectmen	Agent to Defend Suits
J F Roby	Pound Keeper
W H H Putnam F O Nash	Surveyors Wood and Lumber
W H H Slack, term expires 1905 Geo F Leland, " " 1906 William Smith, " " 1907	School Directors
A C Ferrin	Town School Supt
W H H Slack, term expires 1905 F G Field " " 1906 B F Aldrich, " " 1907	Campbell F'nd Com
R W Whitney, term expires 1905 R S Herrick " " 1906 C A Forbush, " " 1907 F H Bates, " " 1908 R G Britton, " " 1909	Cemetery Commissioners

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

M L Lawrence. R S Herrick, L M Cragin, A L Slade, Frank Abbott, C M Ball, W H H Putnam, R W Whitney, F Barney Jr, J W Bennett, H O Whitney, A J Crosby.

TOWN GRAND LIST 1904, $22,072 28.

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Orders Drawn by School Directors.

1903—1904	TEACHERS			1904—1905
1233 23	H Dressel Jr	20½ weeks	district 7	$683 30
495 87	Katrina M Davis	22	" 7	321 57
419 42	Charlotte A Tolman	22	" 7	275
155 54	Annie I Williams	40	" 7	506 91
	E M Roscoe	18	" 7	675
	Frances Thayer	18	" 7	212 58
	Josie M. Prentis	18	" 7	199 98
378	Mrs H Dressel Jr	22	" 7	231
	Eva A Fuller	18	" 7	207
360	May Whitcomb	12	" 7	120
360	Lucy E Jenkins	40	" 7	418
360	Fannie Raymenton	40	" 7	418
133	Hermia L Maynard	40	" 7	389
324	Sabra L. White	40	" 7	369
268	Mabel E Howard	39 1 5	" 5 & 7	360 40
	Esther Meacham	13	" 7	117
324	Agnes T Whitney	22	" 7	198
324	Lulu B Baldwin	22	" 7	220
	Mrs E M Roscoe		" 7	5 70
181 50	Alice W Lawrence	20½	" 7	112 75
95	Mrs. L J Allbee	40	" 7	331
252	Edna M Trotter	40	" 1 & 7	316
39 20	Alice Cutler	40	" 15	280
252	Cora R Slomer	40	" 10 & 18	280
252	Ruth H Whitney	40	" 6	280
	E H Kendall teaching and care	28	" 5	279 50

	Gertrude Smith	24	"	9 & 14	168
	Stella K Rice	18	"	1	126
	Lenora Howe	18	"	9	126
	Viola S Tanner	18	"	10	126
	Kate S Graham	26	"	13 S & C	183
	Gladys Giddings	18	"	4	126
	Olive M Hanks	28	"	5	224
264	Edith L Stone	22	"	18	154
248	Myrtie Woodward	22	"	14	154
252	Agnes M Buy	22	"	4	154
288	Susie E Tenney	12	"	5	96
	Annie Dunn	12	"	9	84
	Daisy F Hill	11	"	13	77
336	A J Abbott		Music		144
	Mrs D S Brownell		"		72 50
					$9821 19
275	Clara L Purple				
198	Kathleen M Baker				
238	Bertha Whitcomb				
217	Lilla E Parker				
243	Avis C Howard				

8765 76

TRANSPORTATION.

1904				
Feb	1	E F Whitcomb		$ 4
	6	Jerry Basso		5
	15	Mrs Geo Ely		10
	18	Chas Goodhart	To winter term 1904	18
	26	Sumner Whitcomb	4 weeks	4
		Adna Edwards	"By wheel"	1 25
		Cleon Rice	Elec Ry Ticket 65	3
Mar	8	Jerry Basso		10
	16	Percy Robinson		3

	23	Percy Robinson	Winter term	25	
	25	Robert Putnam	"	168	
		Cleon Rice	Elec Ry ticket	3	
	26	Mrs Geo Ely	Bal on winter term	20	
		Jerry Basso	Winter term	81	
		E F Whitcomb	Balance	4	
	28	G L Cutler	Winter term	48	
	29	Chas D Cutler	"	45	60
	30	C S Fairbanks	"	30	
	31	Lawrence & Buswell	"	132	
Apr	2	Mrs Chas Goodhart		12	
		" "		8	25
		Lawrence Gocha	Winter term	6	90
	6	L B Fairbanks	"	23	
	8	Mrs C F Hatch	"	12	
	9	C W Bailey	Trans and tuition	84	
		D F McIntire	Horse hire	2	
	12	Maud Gutterson	Elec Ry tickets	6	
	16	Warren Clemons	Fall & winter terms	26	
	22	F J White	Winter term	6	
	27	W D Whitcomb	48 wks to Apr 1 1904	96	
May	5	Adin Edwards	Elec Ry tickets	2	50
	7	Jerry Basso	3 weeks	21	
	21	John Gocha	On account		50
	22	Sumner Whitcomb	To date	5	
	25	Mrs Geo Ely	On account	10	
	28	Jerry Basso	To date	21	
	30	H Clace	On acct	30	
June	2	Adin Edwards	5 weeks	1	25
	3	W B Pratt	To date	21	
	9	Robert Putnam	On account	50	
	21	Cleon Rice	Elec Ry tickets	7	
	22	Sumner Whitcomb	5 weeks	5	
	24	Robert Putnam	On account	90	
	25	Jerry Basso	5 weeks	28	
		Owen Lake	Elec Ry tickets	2	50

	27	W E Heseltine	Spring term	100	
	28	Percy Robinson	Self and sister	20	
		Lawrence Gocha	Bal spring term Dis 6		8 70
		Herman Clace			
			Bal year ending June 1 1904	50	
		G L Cutler	Spring term	35	
	30	Mrs Geo Ely	Bal " "	20	
		L B Fairbanks	Spring term	20	
July	1	Dennis Herrick	" "	5	
	2	Mrs C F Hatch	" "	13	60
		Chas D Cutler	" "	37	60
		C L Fairbanks	" "	25	
		Chas Gifford	" "	7	50
	9	Harold S. Burr	" "	5	
	27	Maud Gutterson	Elec Ry tickets	7	
Aug	5	D F McIntire	Teams per bill	6	50
	13	Mrs Chas Goodhart	On account spring	5	
		R W Whitney	Year ending June 1904	81	
Sept	3	Jerry Basso	On account	22	50
	5	Alonzo Woodward	Elec Ry tickets	2	50
	12	Maud Gutterson	" " "	3	
	17	Jerry Basso	On account	5	
	26	Sumner Whitcomb	To date	4	
	30	Alta Armstrong	3 weeks	3	
Oct	8	Jerry Basso	On account	10	
	22	Alta Armstrong	3 weeks	3	
	24	O P Lake	Elec Ry tickets	2	50
	31	Summer Whitcomb	To date	7	50
	22	Sumner Whitcomb	five weeks	5	00
		Jerry Basso	On account	10	
Nov	1	Mrs C F Hatch	On account	5	
	4	Alta Armstrong	2 weeks	2	
	8	Jerry Basso	On account	10	
	16	Dennis Herrick	On account	5	
	19	F H Butterfield	20 weeks	15	

		Jerry Basso	To date	49	75
	21	Alonzo Woodward	Elec Ry tickets	2	50
	23	Robert Putnam	On account	50	
	25	Alta Armstrong	2 weeks	2	
	29	Cleon Rice	Elec Ry tickets	3	
Dec	9	Robert Putnam	Bal Fall term	146	
		Chas D Cutler	Fall term	52	
	10	Alta Armstrong	2 weeks	2	
		Geo F Leland	Elec Ry tickets		
		Lake children		2	50
		G L Cutler	Fall term	49	
	12	C L Fairbanks	" "	35	
		Jerry Basso	Bal fall term	29	25
		Georgia Gifford	Fall term	10	50
		Dennis Herrick	Bal fall term	2	
		L B Fairbanks			
		Acct daughter and Gertrude Robinson		28	
	13	Willie Stone	Fall term	10	50
		H R Lawrence	" "	140	
	14	Lawrence Gocha	" "	13	
	15	Mrs Chas Goodhart	On account	18	
		Mrs B A Roberts	Fall term	9	75
	19	Mrs C F Hatch	Bal account	8	80
	21	F J White	Fall term	7	
		Adol Robinson	" "	9	
1905					
Jan	3	Albert Gutterson	Elec Ry tickets	3	
	7	Adol Robinson	One week	3	60
	14	Jerry Basso	Two weeks	17	50
		Adol Robinson	To date	4	
				2457	30

GENERAL

1904			
Feb	1	H C Burr, janitor 1 yr Dis No 10	$ 10

		F G Field, supplies per bill	8	31
	6	H Dressel Jr, Salary Supt 6 months	50	
		J E Stone, janitor three weeks	39	
	11	H A Glynn, fuel	2	
		L J Carpenter, tuning piano	3	
	20	J E Stone, janitor 2 weeks	26	
		J E Rogers, fuel Dis No 1	3	
	22	American Book Co, books per bill	304	53
	23	C A Deane, repairs Dis No 5	10	
	25	L B Hurd, insurance Dis No 8	4	73
		G L Leland, salary director 1 yr to February 1 1904	100	
Mar	2	N C Dodge, chemicals	1	45
		Henry Holt Co, books	8	
	5	J L Hammett & Co, supplies	6	62
		American Book Co, books	40	19
	7	J H Marshall, cutting 4 cords wood District No 5	2	60
	8	W A Fuller Furniture Co, furniture	6	50
	9	H H Blanchard, truant officer to March 4 1904	16	25
	12	J E Stone, janitor 3 weeks	39	
	16	Hiland Chandler, 4 cords wood Dis No 5	15	
		G F Leland, freight paid on books	4	72
	22	C B Hadwen, fuel Dis No 15	3	
		E B Moore, repairs on bell, Dis No 7		75
	26	Edgar Rice, janitor No 10 winter term	4	
		Myrtie Woodward janitor, winter term	4	
		H Dressel Jr, salary supt balance	33	33
		J E Stone, janitor 2 weeks	26	
		C W Bailey, janitor and repairs No 1	6	25
Mar	29	L A Cutler, ¼ cord wood Dis No 15	1	50
		Henry S Cutler, janitor Dis No 15 winter term	4	
	30	C B Cutler, fuel Dis No 9	2	

		Clarence Spaulding, janitor No 9	5
		J E Stone, truant officer 2 years	15
Apr	1	W H Wheeler, supplies	2 79
		Lawrence & Wheeler, coal 90 37, telephone rent 4 50	94 87
	2	M L Graham, janitor and kindlings	4
		L B Hurd, insurance high school	14
	6	Sadie Cutler, cleaning Dis No 15	3
	9	F D Gill, fuel	38 25
		J E Stone, janitor, two weeks	26
		Geo C Shedd, 10 tons coal	74
	11	F W Martin, water Dis No 3	3
	12	Amos Lockwood, janitor and kindling District No 7	4 50
		Ernest Wetherell, janitor Dis No 5	8 50
		C M Lovell, fuel Dist No 14	13
		Atkinson & Mentzer, books bill 2-24 '04	16
		Maynard Merrill & Co, books per bills	70 20
	15	Jones & Lamson Mch Co, repairs	25
	16	Mrs J E Stone, washing towels	4 80
	21	Henry Burr, cleaning dis No 9	3
	23	C A Leland & Son, bill for supplies and express paid	32 86
		R J Kenney, repairs	7 35
	25	Lawrence & Wheeler, ins high school	535 55
	30	Fred C Nash, fuel per bill	8
		Geo F Leland, R R of E M Roscoe	6
		J E Stone, janitor 2 weeks	26
May	7	R W Whitney, fuel dis No 6	10
	11	C M Lovell, 3 cords of wood Dis 14	19 50
	21	J E Stone, janitor 3 weeks	39
	25	Mrs Chas Lockwood, janitor and cleaning dis No 4	11
		O S Densmore, repairs	1 65
June	3	C A Leland & Son, frt and express	5 12

		Springfield Elec Co, light bill	12	
	8	Mrs M L Graham, cleaning Dis No 13	3	
	10	La Fountain Staples & Co, supplies bill of June 2 1904	2	29
	11	J E Stone, janitor 3 weeks	39	
	18	Geo F Leland, R R fare E M Roscoe and Miss Prentis	8	15
	20	E E Pierce, 1 cord wood Dis No 18	6	50
	22	A Chevalier, 5¼ cords wood Dis No 4	31	50
	24	H W Wilkins, writing diplomas	3	50
	25	Herbert Spaulding, janitor	4	50
		Myrtie Woodward, cleaning and care	5	50
		M L Graham, janitor and repairs	4	49
		J E Stone, janitor 2 weeks	26	
	27	Mrs J E Stone, washing towels	4	
	28	A C Ferrin, salary as Supt and teams	39	33
		Harry S Cutler, janitor Dis No 15	3	
	29	Milan Gallup, class graduation expenses	24	05
	30	W H Wheeler & Sons, goods	4	32
July	2	C W Bailey, janitor Dist No 1	5	
	7	Mrs C H Lockwood janitor Dist No 4	4	
		Springfield Local Telephone Co, tel bill	9	
	8	Ann Lockwood, janitor Dist No 6	1	50
	9	J E Stone, 3 weeks janitor Dist No 7	39	
	12	W A Fuller & Co, furniture per bill	4	30
	13	T M Putnam, cleaning	1	25
	23	J E Stone, 1 week janitor Dist No 7	13	
Aug	5	Geo C Shedd, 39 tons 300 lbs coal	285	79
	6	L B Hurd, insurance Dist No 7	7	64
	5	LaFountain Staples & Co, goods	5	58
	20	Geo A Winn, painting school house 13	9	24
		C A Leland & Son, bill	17	90
		I L Hall, bill of Aug 19 100 hrs labor	30	56
		J E Stone, 4 weeks janitor	52	
		A A Maguire, organ stool Dist No 1	1	50

	23	I L Hall, bill of Aug 26 90 hrs labor	27 50
Sept	1	G F Leland, freight paid	3 40
	2	Percy Robinson, 3 cords wood Dist 10	16
		Mrs Wm Knight, cleaning Dist No 5	5
		H C Burr " " " 10	3
	3	Geo A Winn, 140 hrs labor bill Sept 3	39 20
		J E Stone, janitor 2 weeks	26
	5	Mary Taft, cleaning Dist No 9	3
		H M Weeden, tuning piano	5
	6	I L Hall, bill Sept 6	54 67
	7	J E Morse, bill	54 39
		LaFountain Staples & Co, supplies bill of September 2 1904	31 63
		Geo F Farnum, 1 cord wood Dist 15	6
		Mrs W C Stone, cleaning Dist No 15	3
		Geo H Walker & Co, 100 diplomas	43
		Ginn & Co, books	49 96
		Geo Fitzgerald, repairs	1 95
	8	John Parison "	7
	9	A A Maguire, repairs on organ	1 35
	12	Mrs McNamara, cleaning Dist No 4	3
	19	Lawrence & Wheeler, coal	370 34
	17	Silver Burdett & Co, books	14 40
		J E Stone, janitor 2 weeks	26
	19	M L Graham, cleaning Dist No 13	3
	22	H E Remington & Co, order book	5 50
		Lincoln Oil Works, floor oil	18 69
	26	H B Carter, bill (H S)	72 47
	30	A A Maguire, organ repairs	21 50
		Wm Smith, cash paid	6 12
Oct	1	J E Stone, janitor 2 weeks Dist 7	26
	8	Wm Taft, janitor Dist No 9	1 50
	10	A J Crosby, freight on seats	15 32
		Wm Smith, bill cash paid	22 45
		" " bill I L Hall Oct 10 Dist 13	10

	11	H A Glynn, repairs Dis No 5	2	
	12	Sprg Wall Paper Co, curtains Dist 5	3	
	15	J E Stone, janitor 2 weeks Dis 7	26	
	17	H A Sawyer & Co, paper and ink	27	50
	20	J E Morse, bill	9	08
	24	A J Crosby, freight	2	84
	28	J E Stone, 2 weeks janitor	26	
		Mrs C E Gowing, board Bailey boy	20	
	31	Mrs W F Livingston, cleaning Dist 6	2	
Nov	5	J L Hammett, supplies	27	40
		Vermont School Seat Co, new seats	119	70
		Vermont Snath Co, stove Dist 6	15	
		D M Dillon, grates for furnace	63	
		D F McIntire, bill teams for repairs	38	25
	7	H W Dexter, repairs on clock Dis 1		75
		" " " " 15		75
	8	W H Wheeler & Son, bill	2	80
		H M Knight, labor Dist 5	3	50
	9	A J Crosby, freight	4	08
	12	J E Stone, two weeks janitor	26	
		James Balch, bill	39	
	15	Sprg Local Tel Co, rent and repairs	8	50
	16	Lawrence & Wheeler, insurance	9	
	19	Wm D Chandler, 3 cords wood Dist 15	15	
	26	J E Stone, janitor 2 weeks Dist 7	26	
	29	J E Morse, bill	14	74
Dec	9	Mrs D S Brownell, supplies	1	26
	10	Miss W F Livingston, janitor Dist 6	3	50
		W R Aldrich, labor and wood Dist 9	3	
		Wm Taft, janitor Dist 9	5	
		J E Stone, janitor 2 weeks Dist 7	26	
	12	A C Ferrin, salary as supt ½ year	33	33
		" horse hire	4	50
		Ellsworth Adams, use of water Dist 10	2	
	13	E H Kendall, cleaning	5	50

		Mrs C H Lockwood, janitor Dist 4	4 50
	15	R W McAllister " " 14	4
		M L Graham " " 13	3 75
	16	C W Bailey "	11 20
		L J Carpenter, repairs on organ	3 50
		Henry Burr, janitor and extra work District 10	11 50
	17	Cleon Rice, janitor Dist 18	4
	19	R S Rollins, board of Sumner Whitcomb	9
		Dodd Mead & Co, books	87
	20	H S Cutler, janitor Dist 15	4
	22	Mrs J E Stone, labor Dist 7	5 60
	23	Fred Howe, 4 cords wood Dist 9	16
	27	Tuttle Co, bill	38 31
	30	Geo F Tanner, 1 cord wood Dist 15	6
	31	H B Carter, bill	61 99
		Chas Wheeler, bill	49
		J E Stone, two weeks janitor	26
1905			
Jan	2	Columbian S Sup Co, ½ payment on cabinet, and supplies	167 11
		American Book Co, books	869 89
		A W Stickney, bill	2 25
		Houghton Mifflin Co, books	4 29
		Allyn & Bacon "	7 50
	6	C A Leland & Son goods and cash paid express and freight	39 25
		C L Stearns, labor Dist 7	1 78
	9	F B Hall, printing	7 50
	12	E B Moore, repairs	35
	14	J E Stone, 3 weeks janitor Dist 7	39
	20	Mrs R S Rollins, board Whitcomb 3 wks	4 50
	21	Ira Holden, sawing wood Dist 9	2
	23	E H Babb & Co, books	12 05
		Silver Burdett & Co, books	18 94

	J L Hammatt & Co, supplies	8 92
	W A Fuller Furniture Co, furniture	3 10
	Water Department, water rent	6
	A W Lawrence, fuel Dist 9	7
25	W E Pollard, 2½ cords woods Dist 9	12 50
27	Sprg Local Tel Co, telephone rent	4 75
	J E Stone, 2 weeks janitor Dist 7	26
		5751 15

SUMMARY

Books	$1502 95
Salaries Directors and Surerintendent	249 99
Janitor village schools (53 weeks)	689
Janitor and repairs outside	583 87
Fuel "	239 35
Fuel in village (district No 7)	820 50
Repairs in village schools (district No 7)	210 55
Organ repairs and piano tuning	35 85
Truant officers (village schools)	31 25
Insurance	570 92
Miscellaneous supplies	816 92
	$5751 15

School Account.

1903-1904	RECAPITULATION	1904-1905
$ 8765 76	Teachers	$ 9821 19
3938 60	General Expense	5751 15
1846 95	Transportation	2457 30
$ 14,551 31		$18,029 64

RECEIPTS

Received from Town School Tax 1904	13,426 40
" " state treasurer division state school tax	1316 80

"	"	tuitions	209 50
"	"	text books returned	141 82
"	"	collector tax 1903	75 35
"	"	old iron sold	6
"	"	grass sold	3
"	"	slate sold J & L Machine Co	6 13
"	"	state treasurer income Huntington fund	126 52
"	"	rebate on Elec Ry ticket	1
"	"	income Gaylord fund, Sav Bank deposit	25 75
"	"	village Springfield trustees surplus revenue	84
"	"	Town of Springfield trustees of surplus revenue	302 70
"	"	land rents	141 03
"	"	Rebate on insurance	62 50
			$15,928 50
Disbursements			18,029 64
Overdraft			$ 2,162 70

TUITION LIST

Raymond Coleman	$ 12 25
Ethel Aiken	21
Eva Bates	14
Ethel Rice	14
Lulu Coleman	12 25
John Davis	14
Frank Davis	14
William Corliss	5
Florence Finn	7
Remi M Shanks	7
A T Billings	5
Town of Weathersfield	84
	$293 50

We are informed by the Directors that unpaid bills, incurred prior to February 1, 1905, will not exceed $50.

Unpaid tuitions of non-resident scholars and the town of Chester amounting to not less thon $225, also uncollected land rents, $293.86 are due this account.

To the Taxpayers of Springfield

Because of the interest every one does or should take in the public schools of their community, because of the many important changes in the corps of teachers the past year and because of the apparent increase in expense of maintenance, your directors desire to make certain statements.

We repeat here the comparative tables of expense for the years ending February 1, 1904 and February 1, 1905.

1904						1905
Teaching	$8765 76					$9821 19
Transportation	1846 95					2457 30
General expense	3938 60	$ 484 09	Books	$1502 95		5751 15
		209 68	Salaries	249 99		
		663	Janitor, village	689		
		177 58	jan,reprs outside	583 87		
		247 19	Fuel outside	239 35		
		1106 34	" village	820 50		
		105 05	Repairs village	210 55		
		68	Organ & piano	35 85		
			Truant acct vil	31 25		
			Insurance	570 92		
		877 67	Misc supplies	816 92		

You will notice the salaries of teachers are $1000 more than for the year preceding. This is so because, although the school account shows an overdraft (of which we speak later) there are no outstanding unpaid salaries and more than $800 of this increase came over from last year. The other $200 results from a few increased salaries and the necessary establishment of a school room for a second division of the second grade owing to the overcrowding of the first and second grade rooms, which had something over 130 children.

The transportation increase speaks for itself. About $100 of this increase was in settlement of a claim of several years standing and to avoid a law suit. You will easily recognize that under the mandatory provisions of the law and the varying claims for this service from year to year, the cost will vary. Last year the amount paid for this service was low and some of the cost came over into 1904.

We now come to the increase in expense of maintenance outside of instruction and transportation. By referring to the table you will find a net increase of about $1800 the past year. In round numbers this increase results from Books $1000, Repairs $500 Insurance $600, less decrease, account fuel, $300.

Considering these items in detail we desire to say that text books are supplied free and for nearly ten years there had been no thorough renovation. The past summer all books were called in, sorted and listed. By what was then, or at the time of the transaction, deemed a desirable trade a large order was given a book firm to renew and replace antiquated and worn out text books. The necessity of some such action was imperative, the main advantage coming to us in the allowance made for worn out or misused books. We are making an earnest effort to look after our text books, their use and care, and it is fair to assume this item will drop to the normal amount the coming year, the steady increase in the number of children being taken into account.

In the matter of repairs the school buildings at North Springfield and Chester, and Parker Hill have been thoroughly repaired, substantial repairs made on North Springfield and Baker district school houses, and slight repairs on most of the others. The coming year the Goulds Mills school house should be thoroughly repaired and certain substantial repairs made at the High School building. Included in the repairs at this building the past year was the fitting up

of one school room, one recitation room and indoor connection with the village water supply.

The insurance item also speaks for itself. Up to this year no fire insurance had been carried on this expensive building and we feel sure every taxpayer approves of this action when they consider the risk heretofore borne by our community with its heavy debt, and as they recall the loss by fire of the school buildings in one or two of the towns of our state during the past year. This insurance was written for four and five years, hence the average annual cost for the five years 1904-1909 will be only about $150 for an insurance protection of $40,000. This item will therefore be small for the next four years.

The fuel at the High School building cost $300 less for the past year than for the year preceding. As your auditor advises you, there are practically no outstanding unpaid bills on the school account.

In comparison with the income our school account shows an overdraft of $2100 for the current year. The increase in expense is about $3500. The income receipts were about the same. The fact of the overdraft, your Directors, however, believe justified. not only by the intrinsic need of the service, but by the fact that the credit balances belonging to the school account for the past three years viz: 1902 $381 55, 1903-$33 82, 1904 $1084 11, amounting to 1499 48 have been transferred and covered into the General Town Fund, and the school account, though charged with taxes, is deprived of tne money. The REAL overdraft therefore is about $600 and as you will notice in the Auditor's comment following the school account, there are credits due from the town of Chester and land rents, that will nearly meet the deficit. It is but fair to add therewere deficits for several years preceding those named.

We desire to call your attention to certain general matters. The new school year began in the fall with only

eight teachers facing the same schools as in the spring time and it necessarily requires time to adjust teaching and service to produce the best results.

With few exceptions we believe the town fortunate in the personel of its teaching force, and we believe it but justice to say that honest, adequate and efficient work is now being done and cordially invite parents and others interested to visit our schools.

The Superintendent's report presents school matters from his point of view. We concur with his views to more closely relate our district schools with the grade work leading to the High School and in regard to employing teachers with normal training, or experience, or both.

We have endeavored to improve the sanitary conditions of the various school buildings and to maintain the health and comfort of the children and we appeal to parents to assist by insisting on continuous uninterrupted attendance so far as possible.

It is our belief that the present degree of service and efficiency can be maintained the coming year for the same tax, 65 cents.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wm. H. H. Slack,)
George F. Leland, } Directors.
William Smith)

ORDERS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN

1904				
Feb	3	D S Dutton, driving hearse to Feb 1,	$ 7	50
		F J Bell, repairs on water (hospital)	1	25
		H S Ward, M D, certificates of births and deaths	1	50
	4	N C Dodge, treasurer Springfield band	50	
	11	Wm Smith, services as auditor	15	
		H B Holmes, " "	4	
		J W Bennett " "	9	
	13	L Redfield, water rent	2	50
	22	F G Ellison, stamps for reports	22	
	24	Randall Sleeper Press, printing card signs		85
	27	John C Eaton, bridge plank	100	
		Geo. Herrick, labor at watering trough	1	75
	29	Lawrence & Wheeler, rent, heat, lights for selectmen from March 1, '02 to Feb 29, '04	40	
		John H Herrick, care of town clock	20	
Mar	3	John H Hart, surety bond, dog warrant, posting notices, attending meetings, etc,, caring for tramps, 1902 and 1903	36	65
		E C Burke, services, town meeting	2	
		J Walker, " " "	2	
		D S Brownell, " " "	2	
	5	F W Stiles, printing reports, etc	93	50

	17	Fred Dashner, treasurer Springfield band	50	
	21	G S Derby, 14750 feet bridge plank	221	25
	26	J C Eaton, balance due for bridge plank	126	65
	30	R M Colburn, treasurer town library	100	
Apr	2	F A Snell, snowing bridges, 1903 and 1904	14	50
	4	Opinion Pub Co, printing names in 2 m inventories	3	
	9	Lawrence & Wheeler, surety bonds for W H Frazier, G W Bates, W Fairbanks	15	
	12	Springfield Elec Ry Co, freight on steel edges		84
		R G Britton, water rent and repairs	5	
		Springfield Elec Co, lighting and supplies for hall	74	45
	14	D F McIntyre, driving hearse to Apr 1	11	50
	16	F W Martin, water rent	3	
	18	Fred Dashner, treasurer Springfield band	100	
	19	R J Kenney, lumber and labor on bridges 1903	2	69
		F E Johnson, labor at hospital	2	
	22	R M Colburn, treas Town library	100	00
May	4	Albert Brown, water rent, hall	3	
	7	W E Giddings, 2½ cords wood for hall	16	25
		S J Brown, services as janitor	15	
	16	F Barney, Jr, expenses of forest fire	14	82
	21	Fred O Nash, lumber for bridges 1903 and 1904	35	99
	28	F Chapman, county tax,	109	25

	30	W H H Putnam, Memorial appropriation	75	
		Bailey Bros, labor and material for hall	2	25
June	1	O S Densmore, labor and pipe for hall	12	09
		S J Brown, services as janitor	15	
	4	R S Herrick, services as lister	70	
	7	J L Bacon, treas State school tax	1748	
		" " " high way tax	1092	50
	8	F W Stiles, adv application liquor license	4	10
		Vermont Tribune, adv application liquor license	4	50
	10	Lawrence & Wheeler, recording licenses	2	
	17	Lawrence & Wheeler, 20000 lbs coal hall	72	
	18	W E Chittenden, 15000 ft bridge plank	225	
	27	C W Bailey, water rent	3	
	28	Fred Dashner, treas Springfield band	100	
		R M Colburn, treas town library	100	
	29	Geo Whitney, exp on road machine repairs	1	50
July	1	D F McIntyre use of team exp Co	3	
	2	S J Brown, services as janitor, hall	15	
	9	J E Morse, windows and labor at farm	69	77
	11	C W Locke, M D, services health officer	30	75
	12	Geo W Bates, labor on bridges	41	
	13	T M Putnam, " "	6	25
		Lawrence & Wheeler, 3600 lbs coal, hall	12	96

	19	Springfield Elec Co, lights and labor	115	31
	25	Lawrence & Buswell, driving hearse and use of teams	18	.
		Charles Wheeler, paint and labor at farm	150	48
Aug	1	C E Morse, col water rent, hall	4	
	2	S J Brown, services as janitor, hall	15	
	8	G S Derby, 1000 ft plank and lumber	22	
		F G Field, treas town library	100	
	22	E W Olney, services as lister	70	
	31	Lawrence & Wheeler, insurance, hall	84	23
		Geo Dunlap, moving the cannon	1	25
Sept	2	S J Brown, services as janitor, hall	15	
	3	F W Stiles, printing check list. justice tickets, etc	38	50
	7	E C Burke, services as ballot clerk	2	
		R S Herrick, " " "	2	
		A J Crosby, " " "	2	
		N S Proctor, " " "	2	
		C M Ball, " " "	2	
		J W Bennett, " " "	2	
		M L Lawrence, " " "	2	
	13	Miss Fanny Pratt, water rent,	2	
	15	Lawrence & Wheeler, insurance, hospital	3	08
	17	F W Stiles, printing 4000 ballots	8	
	22	C W Bailey, water rent	3	
	27	R G Britton, services as lister	70	
	30	Lydia M Lewis, error in list	58	75
Oct	1	S J Brown, services as janitor, hall	15	
		R J Kenney, 28 m cedar shingles	96	54
	8	Fred Dashner, treas Springfield band	50	
		F O Nash, lumber and labor	15	96
	12	C H Bailey, repairs, watering trough	1	

	15	LaFountain, Staples & Co, ensilage cutter and carrier	85	
		B W Brown, water rent	2	50
		L J Carpenter, tuning piano, hall	2	50
	18	Springfield Elec Co, lighting and supplies	67	91
		Springfield elec ry co, 2400 lbs rails at $35 per ton	42	
	21	J E Morse, labor and material, for hall, and 4,000 shingles for bridge	17	19
		W H Herrick, error in list	5	16
	28	R C Allen, laying 31¾m shingles and 160 lbs nails	52	43
		C L Hatch, water rent	3	
	29	Louise S Locke, water rent	3	
Nov	1	W H Wheeler & Son, mdse for farm	1	
	2	S J Brown, services as janitor, hall	15	
	8	G W Bates, labor and lumber for bridges and highway	230	40
	9	F C Morse, services as ballot clerk	2	
		C F Bailey, " " "	2	
		R S Herrick, " " "	2	
		A J Crosby, " " "	2	
		E C Burke, " " "	2	
		M L Lawrence, " " "	2	
	12	B F Chapman' labor at hall	1	25
		Lawrence and Buswell, driving hearse to Oct 5	13	
	19	H H Blanchard, int on library fund	153	52
		D S Dutton, driving hearse to Nov 18	13	50
Dec	1	J E Morse, labor and material, hall	6	91
	3	S J Brown, services as janitor, hall	15	
		Geo W Bates, labor on bridges	40	50
	7	John Hadlock, repairs for road machine	52	50

	7	H B Carter, labor and material hall	19 44
1905			
Jan	2	S J Brown, services as janitor, hall	15
		H H Blanchard, treas town library	100
	4	H B Carter, material and labor, hall	6 91
	6	A W Stickney, repairs and changing hearse	6 20
	9	H H Blanchard, services for town, 1903	38 50
	12	John C Eaton, land and water rent	5
		G S Derby, cord of wood. hall	7
	14	L J Carpenter, tuning, and repairing piano, hall	3 50
	16	W H Wheeler, services as treasurer, postal cards, receiving taxes,	266 75
	23	H M Knights, repairing hearse, No Springfield	26,
	24	M L Lawrence, sundries as per bill	179 75
		B A Chapman, M D, certf births and deaths, 1904	2 25
	27	C B Doane, M D, certf births and deaths, 1904	5 55
	28	W H Cobb, services as selectman	100
		Frank Abbott, " "	50
		F J Preston " "	50
	31	F H Spaulding, services to date	7 50
		S J Brown, services as janitor	15
			$7852 10

SUMMARY

1903—1904		1904—1905
$ 347 94	Highway	$ 35 59
671 67	Bridges	1152 66
964 22	Town general express	751 75

1062 65	State highway tax	1092 50
1700 25	State school tax	1748 00
	County tax	109 25
500	Library	500
495 86	Town hall expenses and repairs	665 16
250	Springfield band	300
939 48	Miscellaneous expense	1497 19
713 22	Liquors	
895 06	Hospital and expense	
871 35	Barn at town farm	
$ 9411 70		$7852 10

Your Auditors are informed that outstanding bills against this account on Feb. 1, 1905, will not exceed $200.

Orders Drawn by Overseer

1904				
Feb	3	B A Chapman, M D, medical services	$ 6	
		C N Bronson, service of boar	2	
	10	Geo H Vittum, care of tramps, 1903	3	
		F E Herrick, rent for Mrs Geer	7	50
	11	Q D Gowing, feed for farm	26	47
		H W Streeter, seed corn. potatoes and labor at farm	7	25
		Lawrence & Wheeler, 9940 lbs of coal for farm	37	02
	13	H M Knights, casket for Mrs Betsey Harris	25	
	18	Henry Simpson, care W E Morse	13	
		G A Davis, services to date	16	
	19	E J Rice, services at farm	13	
	22	Ellen M Marshall, care of Miss Laura Harris	20	
	25	Henry Simpson, care of W E Morse	37	
	27	I M Royce, services at farm	18	
	59	E A Randall, labor at farm	6	25
		Mrs Clark, support of mother	8	
Mar	7	H S Ward M D, medical services for Miss Harris and W E Morse	27	
		W H Wheeler & Son, goods for farm	3	60
		LaFountain, Staples & Co, mdse and labor for farm	9	13
		W H Cobb, cash paid out as per bill	47	64
		Lawrence & Wheeler, ins on farm blds	12	95
	12	Q D Gowing, feed for farm	55	84

Mar	17	Lawrence & Wheeler, 5870 lbs coal	21 86
	20	Hial Lockwood, cord wood for Harris sisters	4 50
	21	E W Spaulding, care of E W Morse	2
		E J Rice, services at farm	13
		Geo K Wyman, 76 bu oats, 1468 lbs corn	56 48
	22	F W Martin M D, services Bryant family	13
	23	Ellen M Marshall, care Laura Harris	20
	31	Geo K Wyman and wife, services at farm	75
Apr	2	Ellen M Marshall, care Laura Harris	8
		F A Snell, milk, butter, etc, Laura Harris	15 16
	4	LaFountain, Staples & Co, mdse farm	11 74
		Ida M Royce, services at farm	18
	6	E J Rice, services at farm	6
	9	Sprg Local Tel Co, services for farm	4 50
		Lawrence & Wheeler, ton of coal for John Martin and Reed	7 70
		Mrs Clark, support of mother	4
	16	Q D Gowing, feed for farm	14 06
	19	Miss Lucy Martin, care Laura Harris	8
	22	Maria F Barrett, care Mrs. Carroll	5
	28	C H Moore & Co, clothing for farm	10 90
	30	Chas N Bronson, service boar for farm	2
May	2	Ida M Royce, services at farm	20
		S S Grow, services at farm	25
		Lucy Martin, care Miss Harris	8
	4	W H Thompson, digging grave Mrs. Carroll	2
		Mrs Clark, support of mother	4
	6	F E Herrick, rent Mrs Geer	7 50
	7	LaFountain, Staples & Co, mdse for farm	7 28
	9	F S Williams, tel poles for farm	5
	10	F G Field, agt Miss Laura Harris	26
	13	E E Rice, services at farm	12

	14	Q D Gowing, feed for farm	31	82
		Brown Bros Nursery Stock farm	13	50
	17	W J Ackerman, services at farm	5	50
	23	Geo K Wyman and wife, services farm	75	
	24	Lucy A Martin, care Laura Harris	12	
	27	Etta Craigue, care W A Newton	20	
	28	Ida M Royce, services at farm	20	50
		Frank Abbott, seed corn	2	50
June	1	S S Grow, services at farm	25	
	2	A L Davis milk for W A Newton	2	45
	6	O E Noyes, mdse for farm	4	98
		LaFountain, Staples & Co, mdse farm	37	45
		Lucy A Martin, care Laura Harris	8	
		Mrs Clark, support of mother	4	
	10	P H Stone, care of W A Newton	7	75
	14	Q D Gowing, feed for farm	16	81
	15	W A Fuller Furniture Co, mdse for farm	33	
		E A Covey, rent of house for Mrs Newton	5	
	16	E J Rice, services at farm	15	
	25	H S Ward M D, medical services Jennie Blanchard and W A Newton	20	
	28	Mrs Craigue, care of W A Newton	18	
	29	F A Snell, labor for Laura Harris	6	95
July	1	Ida M Royce, services at farm	20	
	2	A L Davis, milk, etc W A Newton		75
		Mrs Clark, support of mother	4	
		Mary A Hurd, support of Almira Triest	4	
		S S Grow, services at farm	25	
	6	Lucy A Martin, care Laura Harris	17	50
	7	Local Tel Co, services at farm	4	50
		C B Doane M D, medical services W A Newton	89	
	11	C W Locke M D, medical services at farm	12	25

	12	Q D Gowing, feed for farm	12 76
	13	LaFountain, Staples Co, mdse for farm	22 20
	18	C B Doane M D, services Jennie Lashua	45
	19	Frank A Walker, services case Clare Andrews	3 50
	23	Eddie J Rice, services at farm	10 00
	29	Geo K Wyman and wife, services at farm	75
	30	S S Grow, services at farm	25
Aug	1	Mrs Clark, support of mother	4
	2	E J Rice, services at farm	17
		Mary A Hurd, support Almira Triest	4
		Ida M Royce, services at farm	22 50
		Geo K Wyman, mdse for farm	23 45
	3	A H Holman, mdse for farm	25 27
		Lucy A Martin, care of Miss Harris	16
	5	C A Leland & Son, mdse for farm	117 48
	8	F G Field, agt support of Miss Harris	26
	9	B A Chapman M D, services at farm	7 75
		Fanny E Herrick, rent for Mrs Geer	7 50
		W H Cobb, U S mail box	2 75
	10	B D Bowen, mdse for farm	20 52
	11	L Trombly, "	3 40
	15	E J Rice, services at farm	20
	30	Ida M Royce, services at farm	22 50
	31	Lucy A Martin, care Miss Laura Harris	16
		Lawrence & Wheeler, ins farm buildings	15 38
		Miss Clark. support of mother	4
		Mary A Hurd, support Almira Triest	4
Sept	5	W H Wheeler & Son, mdse for farm	10 01
		Q D Gowing, feed for farm	38 67
	7	Divoll Bros, phosphate and labor for farm	36 22
	8	LaFountain, Staples & Co, goods for farm and hospital	9 43
	9	E W Wetherbee, rent of pasture	22

	10	Keyes &Hills, mdse for farm	49	88
		mdse for J C Martin,	8	66
		mdse for Mrs Lashua	12	23
Sept	13	Dwight Chase; threshing oats at farm	10	
	19	Oliver Snide, services at farm	10	
	23	Lucy A Martin, care of Miss Harris to Oct 3	16	
	26	L M Cragin, cutting oats, and plow points	8	70
		Geo K Wyman and wife, services at farm	75	
		E E Rice, services at farm	16	
	27	W H Wheeler, treas, taxes, farm	22	11
	28	Ida M Royce, services at farm to date	18	
Oct	3	Mary E Suilivan, care of E E Victs' family	30	
		Mrs Clark, support of mother	4	
		Mary A Hurd, support Almira Triest	4	
	13	A B Whitcomb, one shoat	10	
	18	Lucy A Martin, care Laura Harris	16	
	20	Mary E Sullivan, care E F Viets' family	20	
		N C Dodge, goods for Viets' family	17	15
		C B Doane, M D, medical services for Mrs Lashua and Henry Buckman	57	10
	21	Springfield local telephone Co, services for farm	5	30
		Charles N Bronson, 5 pigs for farm	11	
	22	W E Chittenden, ½ cord wood, Miss Harris	3	
	28	Mrs R C Allen, labor and cash paid for Harris sisters	5	
		Ida M Royce, services at farm	18	
		E E Rice, services at farm to Nov 1st	15	
Nov	1	Mrs Clark, support of mother	4	
		W H Wheeler & Son, goods for farm	5	35

	2	Mary A Hurd, support Almira Triest	4
	3	Q D Gowing, feed for farm	11 90
	4	C W Locke, M D, medical services for Rice, Lockwood, Trescott and others at farm	50
	10	Rev P D Root, funeral services Miss Harris	5
	12	F E Herrick, rent for Mrs Geer	7 50
	17	LaFountain, Staples & Co, labor and material for farm	3 40
	19	Dwight Chase, cutting ensilage and labor, farm	19 40
		F A Snell, butter and milk for Miss Harris	8
	22	Mrs Knight, labor for Harris sisters	1 50
	24	C B Doane, M D, medical services Viets' family	78 75
	25	Mrs C C Parker, labor Harris sisters	5 70
		Lucy A Martin, care Laura Harris	20
		H M Knights, casket, Laura Harris	25
	28	Geo K Wyman and wife, services at farm	75
		Ida M Royce, services at farm	18
	29	Mrs Margaret Nolan, 3 yearling steers	44
	30	E E Rice, services at farm	15
Dec	1	Mrs Clark, support of mother	4
		Mary A Hurd, support Almira Triest	4
		H S Ward, M D, medical services Laura Harris	15
	17	C W Brush, mdse for farm	20 07
	24	H M Knight, services auctioneer	3
		Lawrence & Wheeler, 15165 lbs egg coal for farm	56 48
	28	Ida M Royce, services at farm	20
		E E Rice, services at farm	15

1905			
Jan	2	C B Doane M D, medical services Martin boy	38 50
		Mary A Hurd, support Almira Triest	4
		Rev E O Thayer, funeral services of W A Blodgett	5
		W A Fuller Furn Co, mdse for farm	12
		W H Angell, casket W A Blodgett	25
	4	W H Wheeler & Son, mdse for farm	2 93
		J C Hooper, mdse and labor for farm	21 95
		W J Ackerman, goods for farm	2 89
	5	Mrs Clark, support of mother	4
	6	A W Stickney, labor and mdse farm	32 76
		Q D Gowing, feed and grinding farm	19 52
	9	H A Blanchard, services for town 1902 1903 to Oct 7 1904	18
		N C Dodge, goods for farm in 1903-04	35 08
		C H Moore, mdse for farm	9 53
	11	Sprg Local Tel Co, services farm	5 10
		Frank R Thomas, sleigh for farm	5
	12	C A Leland & Son, goods for farm	68 21
	14	Miss C D Spafford, nursing Miss Emma Guyette	25
	15	Keyes & Hills, goods for farm	51 91
		" " " " Mrs Lockwood	12 09
		" " " " John Martin	6 16
		" " " " Geo Pope	13 63
	18	J W Race, 60 qts milk Martin family	3
		B D Bowen, goods for farm	13 29
		" " " Martin family	8 08
		Mrs Geo W Graham, 2 wks board Mrs C D Spafford	8
	19	R L Lovell, mdse for farm	55 70
	20	Ida M Royce, services at farm to Jan 25	18
	23	W H Cobb, services as overseer	100

	A H Holman, mdse for farm	38 96
24	Coburn & Walker goods for farm	37 01
30	C B Doane M D, medical services John Martin family to date	49 35
	Geo K Wyman and wife, services farm	75
	E E Rice, services at farm	15
31	H H Blanchard agt, rent Martin family	15
	Mrs Clark, support of mother	4
	Mary A Hurd, support Almira Triest	4
		$3954 66

THE OVERSEER HAS RECEIVED AS FOLLOWS

Creamery dividend for Dec. 1903		$ 25 23
" "	Jan 1904	12 90
" "	Feb "	27 35
" "	Mar "	24 12
" "	Apr "	26 75
" "	May "	32 05
" "	June "	39 15
" "	July "	31 37
" "	Aug "	23 17
" "	Sept "	16 51
" "	Oct "	14 69
" "	Nov "	8 16
		$281 45

Apr 4	Goods sold from Harris sisters	$21 00	
26	From P O Harris	30	
May 5	Goods sold, Mrs Carroll	20	
17	Received for wool	119 97	
Aug 3	Beef, pork and lamb sold, R L Lovell	125	
Oct 22	From P O Harris	60	
Nov 24	Cash from F G Field, auction sale, Harris estate	35	

	28	Rceived from town of Peru	63 55	
Jan	4	Lambs sold to Ackerman	10 01	
	18	Beef, pork and veal sold, R L Lovell	149 19	
	25	W A Blodgett estate	8	
	31	Sheep sold from farm to L M Cragin	15	
		Auction sale Harris estate	34 55	
(320 lbs butter used at farm, $70 03)				
				$691 27
				$972 72

TOWN FARM INVENTORY AND SUMMARY

INVENTORY OF LIVE STOCK

1904

Jany	31	One pair horses	$300	
		One horse	25	
		Eleven cows	357 50	
		One 3 year-old Durham bull	35	
		Two " " steers	85	
		Six yearlings	75	
		Ninety-four sheep	404	
		Sixty hens	32 50	
		Six swine	65	
		Eight 2-year-olds	185	
				$1564
Inventory last year				1462
Increase				$102
Orders drawn for farm				2770
				2668
Sales from farm			700 62	

Received from town of Peru	63 55	
Received on account of W A Blodgett, Harris sisters and Mrs Carroll	208 55	
		$ 972 72
		$1695 28
Orders drawn outside the town		1184 66
Net cost of supporting poor		$2879 94

There are at the present time at the farm eight adults.

Farm products for the year included 600 bushels of corn, 260 bushels of oats, 1150 lbs pork, 550 lbs of beef, also usual amounts of potatoes and vegetables.

A new corn barn is very necessary also another silo for storage of ensilage and a part of the barn roofs must be reshingled this summer to protect the crops stored therein.

The house has been newly painted and new windows put in throughout but there are a few improvements still needed in the interior, among which the kitchen needs a new ceiling, as plaster is falling off badly.

We are informed the outstanding bills against this account to Feb. 1, 1905, will not not exceed $50 00.

Road Commissioner's Account.

1904

Feb	1	Chas Sherwin	breaking roads	$5 83
	12	F L Chase	"	14 25
	13	F S Williams	"	6 65
		G W Race	"	10 25
	17	G A Woodward	"	4 20
	20	A B Marshall	"	6 15
		G W Bates	rolling roads	62 65
	24	Norman L Grow	breaking roads	1 80
	26	F C Keith	"	8 35
		F W Wood	"	5 05
Mar	1	James Roby	"	5
	3	Tyler Putnam	"	1 50
		E T Merritt	"	7 11
		C Olney	"	27 42
		F H Hammond	"	3
		Chas M Lovell	"	19 60
		Geo B Lilley	"	18 90
	19	F L Chase	"	6 90
	28	Frank E Cutler	"	21 80
		Geo W Race	"	14 25
Apr	6	C P Sherwin	"	5 25
		F J Bell	" 1903—1904	18 97
		R L Fullam	work on road	2 25
	8	S G Parker, work on road 8 dys and 4 hrs		12 60
		F C Keith	work on roads	9 30
		P H Pierson	breaking roads	4 50
	10	Antoine Chevalier	"	20 59

	11	W S Patterson	"	11 17
		A W Lawrence	"	11 10
		L Whitcomb	"	6 30
		A B Marshall	"	3 67
Apr	16	Monroe Adams	"	11 70
		D B Parker	"	9 45
		P E Robinson	"	6 06
		G W Bates	team and labor	53 25
	27	Fred Cluff	winter roads 1903—1904	25 57
		H H Phillips	"	7 60
		B Roberts	"	3 45
	30	H S Slade	"	13 79
		Elmer T Merritt	team work	3 58
		F L Day	breaking roads	6 90
May	9	S G Parker	labor on roads	22 50
		F Keith	"	21
		Geo W Bates	team work	52 75
		Geo W Bates	labor and cash paid on roads	25
	16	Perez Whitcomb	breaking roads	12 50
		P Riley	"	8 10
	19	A O Spurr	"	2 25
	21	S G Parker	labor on roads	15
		Frank Keith	" 10 dys	15
		R L Covey	" 16 dys	24
	26	L E Huey	winter roads	38 12
	28	L M Cragin	"	10 50
June	4	Geo W Bates	team work	156 75
		Geo W Bates	labor on roads	51 25
		Geo W Bates	cash paid for labor	46 79
		F Keith	labor on roads	15 75
		S G Parker	"	16 50
		R L Covey	"	16 50
	18	Geo W Bates	team work	91 75
		Geo W Bates	cash paid for labor	21

		Geo W Bates	labor 7½ days	28 75
	24	R L Covey	labor on roads	25 50
	25	Geo W Bates	team work	42
		Geo W Bates	labor on roads	15
		Geo W Bates	cash paid for labor	13 80
		F Keith	labor on roads	27
		S G Parker	"	27
July	1	G W Adams	labor on winter roads	39 58
	23	S G Parker	" "	22 50
		Frank Keith	" "	23 50
		Geo W Bates	team work and cash for labor	75 05
		Geo W Bates	labor on roads	26 25
Aug	4	H Clace	"	6 60
	6	Frank Keith	"	18
		S G Parker	"	18
	8	LaFountain, Staples & Co,	hardware per bill	19 82
	10	W D Whitcomb	labor on roads and gravel	30 60
		John Putnam	labor on winter roads	7
		J H Reynolds	repairing scraper	3 65
	18	C J Cross	breaking roads	9 96
	20	G W Bates	labor on roads	41 25
		G W Bates	team work and cash for labor	221 05
		S G Parker	labor on roads	15 75
		Frank Keith	"	15 75
		Leon A Cutler,	breaking roads 1903—1904	23 10
		W W Westney	"	14 55
	23	F L Chase	team and labor	7 75
	26	E Whitcomb	labor on roads	16 50
Sept	3	Geo W Bates	team work and cash for labor	173 50
		Geo W Bates	labor on roads	27 50

		S G Parker "	16 50
		Frank Keith "	16 50
Sept	8	Cheshire Bridge Co, bridge toll	12 90
		J C Fairbrother, 88 loads gravel	8 75
	10	E Whitcomb, labor on roads	16 50
	21	A B Marshall, " "	9
	25	S B Parker, " "	24
		Frank Keith, " "	24
		E Whitcomb, " "	16 50
Oct	1	Geo W Bates, team, work and cash for labor	228 25
		Geo W Bates, labor on roads	32 50
	5	Guy C Cutler, 859 loads gravel,	42 95
	10	R Waitman, 86 " "	4 30
	8	S G Parker, labor on roads	9
		E Whitcomb " "	12 75
	15	Frank Keith " "	12 75
	19	Geo W Bates, team work	68 25
		" " labor on roads	10
Nov	3	F A Fairbanks " " winter	19 60
	8	L E Haynes " " "	4 35
	9	S G Parker, " "	9 75
	11	Frank Keith, " "	6 75
	19	Dwight Chase " " "	10 30
	26	Geo W Bates " and team work	49 50
Dec	3	F W Burd " on winter roads	2 14
	12	S G Parker, labor on winter roads	6 50
		John E Hadwen, 50 loads gravel	2 50
		O R " 49 " "	2 45
		Will " 10 " "	50
		Herbert Streeter, 113 " "	5 65
	14	C A Corliss, work on winter roads	19 84
		James F Robey, labor on roads	7 50
		E C Cutler " "	5 75
	23	G W Bates, rolling roads	28

25	Keyes & Hills, labor on roads by G W Race	7
		$2952 94

RECEIPTS.

Town highway tax, 1904	991 40
¼ Village highway tax	784 35
Division state highway tax	964 94
J H Hart, collector tax 1903	15 11
W H Frazier " " 1904	8 52
	$2764 32
Orders drawn	2952 94
Overdraft	188 62

The Road Commissioners inform your auditors that not to exceed $50 of unpaid bills are outstanding Feb 1, 1905.

Cemetery Commissioner's Account.

1904			
Mch	19	R W Whitney, services and stone	6
Apr	29	W H Thompson, labor "Summer Hill"	12 80
May	9	R J Farquar & Co, Boston ivy	2 45
	16	Express	25
	19	LaFountain Staples & Co, rakes	1
		Mrs H Leonard, lawn mower	6
		Spring Electric Ry Co, freight on trees and shrubs	5 61
	25	W H Thompson digging graves and labor	39 90
June	10	Ellwanger & Barry trees and shrubs	46 60
May	6	Lincoln Whitcomb, labor in cemeteries	43 20
	20	D T Dutton, digging graves and labor "Pine Grove"	30 90
July	1	W H Thompson work in cemeteries	28 75
	2	Fred Ducham, labor on water "Oakland	3 50
		James Balch, labor on water, "Oak land"	8
	6	LaFountain Staples & Co, supplies for cemeteries	4 10
	9	L L Whitcomb, labor in cemeteries	17 25
	11	Tom Armstrong, " "Oakland"	5 25
		Bernie " " "	5 25
		Arthur Spoor " "	5 25
		R G Britton, " "	9

		James Balch, " "	4
		M Fairbanks " "	1 75
Aug	1	W H Thompson digging graves and labor	11 90
	8	LaFountain Staples & Co, water pipe for "Oakland"	36 74
	13	H D Peters, labor "Oakland"	8
	15	L Ray " "	6 58
		M Fairbanks " "	7
	16	L L Whitcomb, labor Summer Hill	20 85
	30	C O Davis, " "Oakland"	10 50
		W H Thompson digging graves and labor, "Summer Hill"	34 95
Sept	1	C W Bailey, labor Gill and Walker cemeteries,	5
		L L Whitcomb, labor on "Summer Hill"	32 85
Oct	3	F H Bates, trimming shrubs "Summer Hill"	17 50
	6	W H Thompson digging graves and labor	11 40
		R G Britton, labor, "Oakland"	48
Nov	12	W H Thompson, labor and digging graves	13
	18	D T Dutton, labor and digging graves	19 70
	22	L L Whitcomb, labor cemeteries	9 75
	26	LaFountain Staples & Co, fountain and supplies	126 04
1905			
Jan	14	W H Thompson, labor and digging graves	8 90
	25	Edgar Cooke, labor "Oakland"	50
	28	Water Department, water rent and labor	7 50

Feb	6	R G Britton, lead pipe	6 50
		John C Eaton, gravel "Oakland"	3 90
			$733 87

The following are moneys in possession of the Town, to be used as provided in chapter 158, secs 3601 and 3603 Vt laws.

Harriet L Wright	50
Sarah R Matthison	50
Julia Myrick	50
Wm A Lewis	100
David R Brown	50
Homer Brown	25
John Ward	1000
Sarah Spaulding	25
Ellen A Parker	100
Franklin P Ball	200
Pauline L Chandler	100
Sarah S Miller	200
Mrs J Butterfield	100
H C & H W Davis	100
	$2150

Amounts previously reported received for lots sold prior to February 1, 1904	450
Lots sold current year	
R W Whitney	10
C P Sherwin	10
F Leon Johnson	10
E A Hickey	10
Alice Schneider	10
E E Parsons	10
Edgerton Baldwin	10
C H Bradish	10

G W Bates	10	
C B Cutler	10	
	$550	
Individual Trust Funds	$2150	
Sales of cemetery lots to date	550	
		2700
Income 1904 and 1905	96	
Expenses paid by the town	733 87	
Net expense to town	$637 87	

CLASSIFIED REPORT

SUMMER HILL

Shrubs and vines	$ 38	
Care special lots	85	
Private lots and other work	245 16	
		368 16

OAKLAND

Fountain	126 04	
Cement basin for same	30	
Water pipe and laying	66 50	
Shrubs	14 50	
Other work	25 07	
		262 11

PINE GROVE

Special lots, digging grave, other work	98 60
Gill & Walker	5
	$733 87

We have endeavored to take good care of all special lots, and also private lots have been cared for as requested by parties wishing this service, and at reasonable prices. We know of no extra expense this year except that Pleasant Valley Cemetery should have a new fence and some extra work cleaning up and righting stones. Those wishing private lots cared for please address the Commissioners or

RODNEY G. BRITTON, Secretary.

DOG ACCOUNT

1904

Received from town clerk for licenses				275 30
Dec 31	Frank Abbott	damage by dogs	25	
	L E Huey	"	15	
	W D Whitcomb	"	5	
	Arthur Putnam	"	7	
	Frank Fairbanks	"	6	
	John Nurse	"	9	
	E S Hall	"	7	
	Bowen Parker	"	5	
	Geo P Lillie	"	2 50	
	Balance to town fund		193 80	
				$ 275 30

TOWN LIBRARY ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Cash in treasurer's hands	$125 03
Cash in library	27 79
From a friend	275
Interest on fund	153 52
Town of Springfield	500
Ladies' library magazine fund	38 94
Library fines, catalogues, etc	44 36
	$1164 64

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid for books, magazines, etc	$457 66
Paid librarian,	306 75
Paid janitor	62 50
Lights, coal, etc	187 04
Library supplies, etc	50 79

Cash due from treasurer	78 54	
Cash in library	21 36	
	$1164 64	$1164 64

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT

Selectmen's orders for		
Fuel	108 21	
Lights	257 67	
Insurance, 3 years	84 23	
Janitor	150	
Repairs, water and incidentals	65 05	
		$665 16
Received from Lawrence & Wheeler, rentals		577 12
Net cost of hall		$88 04

The hall has been opened for political, school and charitable purposes, 28 times, and for use of Springfield brass band, 26 times.

Gaylord Fund Account

Investment			
Apr 1, 1890	W H Wheeler, note, interest paid to Feb 1, 1905		$200
Feb 1, 1904	Town of Springfield, note, int paid to Feb 1, 1905		275
	One Kansas farm		700
Income to school acct, treasurer report			$1175
	Interest W H Wheeler	$12	
	Interest town of Springfield	13 75	
			$25 75

Surplus Revenue Account

Investment		
Feb 1, 1905	Note, town of Springfield	5125 78
Feb 1, 1905	Note, village of "	1200
	Cash due from Town fund	
	Loss on loan	356 50
		$6682 28
Income credited to School acct		
Interest, town Town of Springfield notes		300 86
Interest village of " "		84
Dividend, Savings bank deposit		1 84
		$386 70

Campbell Fund Account

Investment		
Feb 1, 1905	Town of Springfield, note	$2900
"	Village " "	2100
		$5000
Income		
Balance on hand, Feb, 1, 1904		336 47
From investments		312
		$648 47
Paid commissioners orders		251 75
Balance on hand		396 72

GRAND LIST

Valuation of real estate	$1236987
" personal estate	766841

One per cent of real and personal estate	20038 28	
Taxable polls, 1017 at $2 00	2034	
		$22072 28
Grand list in village	$16775 63	
Grand list outside village	5296 65	
		$22072 28

STATEMENT OF TAXES

Town taxes, 80 per cent on grand list		17658 98
Town and state school tax 65 per cent and 8 per cent on grand list		16114 06
Town highway tax 20 per cent on grand list		1059 33
Total tax levy		$34832 37
Town tax paid treasurer direct	$16524 60	
Town and state school "	15078 87	
Town highway "	991 40	
	$32594 87	
Four per cent discount to taxpayers	1358 12	
Unpaid taxes delivered to collector	879 38	
		$34832 37

Treasurer's Account

W H Wheeler, treasurer, in account with the town of Springfield

Sales from town farm	$700 62
Received from outside sources, see overseer's report	272 10
tuitions, see school acct	209 50
grass sold	3
text books, returned	141 82
land rents	141 03
income Gaylord fund	25 75
" Huntington fund	126 52

town of Sprg, trustee surplus rev			386 70
town school tax, 1904			13426 40
State treas division state school tax			1316 80
J H Hart, collector 1903			75 35
rebate on insurance			62 50
Supplies sold			13 13
			$16901 22
town and state school tax 1904			1652 47
" "			16524 60
" highway "	991 40		
division state "	964 94		
¼ village "	784 35		
J H Hart collector 1903	75 53		
W H Frazier, " 1904	42 60		
Selectmen brldge pk sold	17 86		
		$	2876 68
Dog licenses			275 30
Sales of cemetery lots	100		
Cemetery trust fund, Mrs J Butterfield	100		
Cemetery trust fund, H C and H W Davis	100		
			$300
Received from town hall acct			
bal due 1903	161 64		
town hall acct, 1904	577 12		
			$738 76
rent of hospital			78
license N C Dodge			15 30
" W H Wheeler & Son			15 30
bounties 1903—1904			46 05
criminal fines			300 25
treasurer's notes discounted and cash from savings bank			20985 72

cash on hand Feb 1, 1904		4815 07
Outstanding orders		83 50
		$65608 22

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid overseer's order No 203 '03	4	
" current year	3954 66	
		$3958 66
road commissioner's orders No 112 '03	5 83	
road commissioners current year	2947 11	
		$2952 94
school director's orders current year		18029 64
selectmen's "		7852 10
cemetery com "		733 87
damage by dogs		81 50
J L Bacon, state treas, ½ liquor license		10
M L Lawrence, town clerk, bounties		46 05
interest on bonds and notes		4605 76
		38270 52
Notes paid and taken up		24285 72
Total payments		$62556 24
Cash on Hand Feb 2, 1905		3051 98
		$65608 22

Outstanding Indebtedness

Electric railway bonds, int paid to Nov 1, 1904	30000
School bonds, int paid to Oct 1, 1904	5000
Sept 7, '95 Micajah Martin, int paid to Sept 7, 1904	1000

July 8, '97	Rachael B White, int paid to July 8, 1904	600
Sept 3, '96	Olive R Beckwith, int paid to Sept 22, 1904	300
Sept 9, '95	Olive R Beckwith, int paid to Sept 9, 1904	300
Nov 14, '01	S A Stickney, int paid to Nov 14, 1904	500
May 24 '97	Anna T Field, int paid May 24, 1904	500
June 8 '97	E W Parker est, int paid Jan 1, 1905	600
Aug 11 '97	Isadore F Boynton, int paid to Aug 11, 1904	500
Jan 31, '98	James E White, trustee Bisbee estate int paid to Jan 1, 1905	2500
Sept 7, '94	James E White, trustee Bisbee estate int paid to Jan 1, 1905	500
June 24, '98	James E White, trustee Bisbee estate int paid to Jan 1, 1905	1000
Oct 20, '98	James E White, trustee Looney int paid to Jan 1, 1905	500
May 4, '01	James E White, Int paid to Jan 1, 1905	1000
May 29, '01	James E White, int paid to Jan 1, 1905	500
Apr 2, '02	James E White, trustee Bisbee, int paid to Jan 1, 1905	1500
July 16, '95	J Q Damon, int paid to July 16, 1904	800
July 16, '95	D J Boynton. int paid to July 16 1904	500
Dec 6, '97	D J Boynton, int to Dec 6, 1904	500
June 30, '98	P R Grimes est, int paid to June 30, 1904	600

Nov 14, '98	Mary J Streeter, int paid to Nov 14, 1904	1000
Nov 14, '98	Mary J Streeter, int paid to Nov 14, 1904	1000
June 18, '00	Addie F Knight, int paid to June 18, 1904	4700
Jan 1, '01	W E Chittenden, guard of F S Burke, int paid to Jan 1, 1905	675
Jan 1, '01	R C Allen, guard of S P Burke, int paid to Jan 1, 1905	675
Jan 1, '01	C W Locke, guard of Abbie Burke, int paid to Jan 1, 1904	650
Mar 2, '01	Leon A Cutler, trustee U society int paid to Jan 1, 1905	425
June 24, '01	Samuel Brown, int paid to June 24, 1904	1000
Sept 13 '01	Nellie G Knight, Int paid to Sept 13, 1904	500
	Ida M Gilman, int paid to Sept 13, 1904	500
	Gertrude Gilman, int paid to Sept 13, 1904	500
Feb 1 '03	Wm Cobb, interest paid to Feb 1 1904	500
Apr 26 '02	Gertrude I Martin, interest paid April 26, 1904	500
	Flora A Martin, guard A O Martin, int paid to Apr 26, 1904	500
	Flora A Martin, int paid to Apr 26, 1904	500
July 5 '02	R C Allen, guard of R Keith, int paid to July 5, 1904	2000
May 25 '03	F G Field, int paid to May 25 1904	5000
May 23 '03	Sarah J Piper, int paid to Feb 1 1905	500

Mar 30 '03	C M Fisher int paid to Feb 1 1905		500
April 1 '03	Selina S Adams, int paid to Feb 1 1905		1000
Feb 1 '03	Miles Smith int paid to Feb 1 1905		1000
	" " " " " "		1000
	" " " " " "		1000
	" " " " " "		1000
Mch 24 '04	Lydia M Lewis		1000
June 1 '04	L R White		1000
Feb 1 '05	Trustee of surplus revenue		5125 78
Feb 1 '05	Trustee of Campbell fund		2900
Feb 1 '04	Trustee of Gaylord fund		275
Mar 30 '04	Ida A Buss int paid to Feb 1 1905		900
	Nancy C Bisbee		300
	Cemetery individual trust fund		2150
	Sale of cemetery lots		550
	Outstanding orders		83 50
	Unsettled accts due from town est		
	School account	50	
	Highway account	50	
	Overseer's account	50	
	Selectmen's account	50	
			200
	Int accr'd Feb 1 '05 notes and bonds outstanding		1000
	Cash in town fund due surplus revenue fund		356 50
			$91,665 78

ASSETS

Due from J H Hart collector list of 1900 01-02-03	857 49	
Less 50 per cent not collectable	428 74	
		428 74
Due from W H Frazier collector list of 1904	806	

Less 50 per cent not collectible	403	403
Cash in hands of treasurer		3051 98
		3883 72
Liabilities as above		91,665 78
Assets as above		3883 72
Excess of liabilities over assets		87,782 06
Liabilities over assets last year		90,923 26
Decrease in indebtedness		3141 20

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the taxpayers of the town of Springfield:—

The undersigned, Town auditors, respectfully report that they have examined the various accounts of the Town officers as presented in this report and find the items of receipts and disbursements are as stated.

There has been collected on account of 1904 taxes $111.43 additional to amounts shown under "receipts," and this we have included in the item "assets."

J. W. Bennett,
E. A. Hills,
Fred C. Davis,
} Auditors

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

1904-1905

June 11	Mr and Mrs Clarence E Angell, son	
Mar 27	"	Alexandra Anufrajonor, daughter
Sept 9	"	Luther W Arnold, daughter

Feb	19	"	Willis H Austin, son
Oct	7	"	E Wallace Baldwin, daughter
Mar	9	"	Elmer S Baldwin, son
Nov	7	"	Wiiliam T Beedle, son
May	2	"	Amos Blanchard Jr, daughter
Feb	10	"	Joseph Blanchard, son
Nov	1	"	Edward L Blodgett, daughter
Feb	30	"	Daniel J Bora, daughter
June	12	"	Herbert A Britton, daughter
Jan	28	"	James E Brown, daughter
May	4	"	William LeRoy Bryant, son
Jan	28	"	Charles H Chapman, son
June	7	"	Gershom L Closson Jr, daughter
April	2	"	Albert Craigue, son
Dec	19	"	Carmi B Cutler, son
Sept	14	"	Percy W Day, son
Dec	24	"	Melvin P Douglas, daughter
Jan	23	"	Herbert W Dutton, son
Dec	8	"	Charles W Earle, son
Feb	23	"	Charles W English, son
Feb	1		Mabel P Fairbanks, son
July	9	"	Addison A Farnsworth, daughter
Aug	7	"	George Firkey, son
May	18	"	Frank H Fuller, daughter
May	22	"	Walter G Gibson, son
July	4	"	Fred H Gibson, daughter
Nov	22	"	Herbert A Glynn, daughter
Dec	20	"	Robert B Graham, daughter
Aug	9	"	W M Greene, daughter
Oct	17	"	Ludias Hamel, son
Apr	17	"	George T Hayward, daughter
Oct	7	"	Willis E Howe, son
Mar	3	"	Ira E LaBounty, daughter
Feb	11	"	Fred LaFountain, son
Nov	21	"	Arthur T. Lemire, son

Nov	3	"	Francis E Lockwood, son
Feb	6	"	Vitalien Londry, son
Mar	14	"	Romeo W McAllister, daughter
Mar	23	"	Bert W Olney, son
Oct	26	"	John L Parison, son
Aug	14	"	H B Peters, son
Dec	2	"	Edward M Pinney, daughter
Apr	5	"	Edward C Piper, son
Jan	4	"	Fred G Pollard, son
May	13	"	Eugene W Randall, son
Feb	29	"	Zerza Rekevitch, son
Feb	8	"	Perley S Rice, son
Aug	30	"	William T Richards, daughter
July	25	"	Ignaci Ripchick, daughter
Feb	10	"	Adolphus Robinson, daughter
Sept	6	"	Ednie Saltus, son
July	10	"	Derrick D Severence, son
Oct	10	"	Henry J Simpson, son
Apr	27	"	Walter W Slack, son
Jan	22	"	David W Smith, son
May	14	"	Elmer E Walker, son
Nov	23	"	Bert L Ward, son
Sept	13	"	Arthur B Whitcomb, daughter
Sept	17	"	Frank J White, son
Dec	10	"	Leon L Wilder, son
Apr	29	"	Henry M Wright, daughter
Apr	30	"	James Wright, daughter
Dec	21	"	Fred F Zuill, daughter

MARRIAGES

June	22	George G Adams and Julia L Beckwith
Mar	19	Albert Bailey and Florence Blanchard
Dec	6	George W Bates and Mattie M Herrick
July	5	Harry Frank Bates and Celia Dashner
Aug	31	Walter M Blanchard and Minnie B Kelly
Sept	27	George W Bora and Grace M Priest

Jany	1	John Albert Brock and Emma Theresa Harding
Mar	2	Lewis E Brown and Harriet F Britton
Sept	14	Adin E Burke and Maud E Whitcomb
Sept	28	Fred G Cluff and Edith E Parker
June	1	Ellis E Cross and Anna M Ward
May	29	Carmi B Cutler and Lena B Aldrich
Mar	20	Addison Davis and Lena L Hall
Feb	17	George Alfred Dudley and Bernice Julia Field
Nov	9	Charles E Elliott and Francis W Perham
June	1	Henry W Emery and May L Curtis
Feb	25	Fred F Firkey and Addie M Stanley
Aug	10	Howard B Gardner and Anna M Whipple
July	27	William H Greene and Julia L Putnam
Sept	13	George A Hopkins and Martha M Peck Clough
Sept	7	Albert Norman Howe and Nellie Mae Cady
Oct	12	Clarence Addison Jackson and Grace B Bishop
May	11	Edlos Jarvis and Anna Brady
Nov	30	Frank Leon Johnson and Eva M Young
Sept	29	Everett A Koehler and Bertha Clace
Oct	5	Theophile Landre and Eveline Lapointe
May	30	Walter A Livingstone and Gertrude May Gammell
May	30	William F Livingstone and Evelyn S Lockwood
Sept	10	Tadeusz Lozowski and Adela Janowska
Aug	2	Prosper T Morris and Lucinda M Swain
May	24	Napoleon Nolen and Filamer Rouillard
Apr	27	Herbert Bowen Parker and Annie M Cox
Nov	30	Martin A Phelps and Elizabeth M Gary
Aug	24	Arthur F Putnam and Annie L Eaton
June	15	Harry W Randall and May H Whitcomb
Aug	27	Konstanty Ripcnik and Mera Szklennik
July	20	Percy Edwin Robinson and Myrtie Olive Woodward
Apr	13	Marshall W Rogers and Fannie W Newton
Nov	15	Elmer St Clair and Elvie Ethel Weeden

Jan	27	Charles D Sanders and Agnes J Wheeler
June	4	Antoni Shrzeluski and Maria Rogimska
Dec	25	Wiley F Slomer and Cora S Robinson
Aug	16	William Sparrow and Dora E Lee
May	4	Eugene Gilbert Spaulding and Ila Louise Cutler
Apr	13	Frank H Stone and Edith M Westney
June	29	George L Thompson and Edith L Stone
Aug	17	Jan Tukionski and Josefa Ruorotyrijka

DEATHS

			Y	M	D
Jan	23	Samuel Henry Archibald	55	2	13
Mar	4	Louis Walter Bailey	20	5	
Sept	9	Ethel May Baker	9	11	29
Sept	16	Lula B Baldwin	25	5	24
Dec	29	William A Blodgett	84	11	28
May	30	Mary Elizabeth Brown		4	2
Feb	25	Grace Anne Chipman	73	5	12
Jan	16	Frederick W Clissold	73	1	8
Aug	21	Steven Kimball Cobb	80	9	8
July	11	Robert M Colburn	59	7	5
Mar	1	Cora A Morrill Cole	47	6	
Dec	25	Cutler			6
Nov	9	Benjamin Franklin Dana	90	2	4
July	24	Adin F Densmore	24	7	14
Dec	8	Earle Hathaway Earle			0
Dec	8	Flora Hathaway Earle	26	1	12
April	28	John Burr Fairbanks	82	5	2
Oct	7	Rebecca Woods Fairbanks	82	4	
Dec	12	Marcia Field	87	1	8
Nov	4	Henry Harrison Fletcher	63	9	6
Feb	25	Asa T Fuller	77	4	
Jan	4	Lucy D Glynn	83	8	6
Sept	28	Gratia M Gowing	76	10	17
Aug	17	Julia Putnam Green	18	1	
Aug	9	Green			0

Nov	5	Irene D Hadwen	3	11	15
July	12	John Hall	82	7	25
Jan	22	Betsey Harris	78		
Nov	8	Laura H Harris	71	11	23
May	3	James Haselton	93	11	3
Jan	6	George Washington Hewey	78	4	15
Mar	6	Ethel I Johnson	27	6	6
Nov	21	Lemire			0
Mar	15	Henry L Leonard	62	4	21
Dec	13	Elmira L Lockwood	81	10	
Aug	31	Harriet M Glynn Lockwood	81		15
Feb	2	Myrtie Jennie Robinson Martin	39	4	19
May	6	Myron Childs Munson	80	1	15
June	24	George W Nay	34	7	6
Nov	7	Morris A Page	34		21
Jan	11	Ellen Augusta Parker	70	9	11
Dec	22	Mary Roode Pike	74	1	17
Jan	16	Levi P Pratt	79	27	20
June	21	Anselme Riberdy	22	2	
Feb	6	Rice			0
Aug	7	Manya Ripchick			14
April	5	Mary Rollins Robinson	80	2	24
Aug	26	Ann E Sherwin	56	9	29
Oct	16	Simpson			6
Oct	16	Mary Rumrill Stone	82	7	5
June	4	Florella Parker Tarbell	88	21	12
May	4	Ellen M Pratt Tenney	65	6	8
Nov	29	Jane Alby Webb	76	7	
Oct	2	Angila Kidder	65	2	21
Oct	11	Whitcomb		1	
July	7	Levi R White	82	2	12
Dec	11	Martha D Whitney	81	5	10
Apr	29	Wright			0
Apr	29	Ida I Vadney Wright	21	4	4

School Superintendent's Report.

To the School Directors:—

GENTLEMEN—I herewith submit my first annual report as your superintendent of schools. You will appreciate the limitations under which, by law and precedent, the superintendent labors, his duties being largely advisory. It has been my purpose chiefly thus far to acquaint myself with the conditions and needs of the schools, and through consultation with the principal and cooperation with him, to plan for greater future efficiency and results and more uniformity in the work of the schools in the outlying districts with that of the graded school.

The large number of changes in the corps of teachers, including the principal, has made the year in an unusual degree an experimental one, but the steady adjustment to new conditions and the new administration has been most gratifying and promises well for the future. It is increasingly evident that in your choice of a principal no mistake was made. The adoption of new courses of study in the high school is already justified by a growing spirit of studiousness and better work, which is felt as well in grades below the high school. This cannot but raise the standard of the school, and better meet the needs of the community. There is no good reason why we should not have a high school, which in its requirements and opportunities, shall be second to none in the state.

The steady increase in the enrolment of pupils in the graded schools is already forcing the problem of enlarging our capacity. If the present rate of increase goes on, it will soon be necessary to provide more room and more teachers. For the immediate future the problem may be solved, and in my judgment wisely, by resorting to half-day sessions for the first and second grade pupils. I urge the serious consideration of this plan with a view to its

adoption another year. It is one that is adopted in many of our best schools and recommended by many of our best educators. It is in the interest both of the health and the best mental development of the children, as well as of economy.

Some much needed repairs and improvements have been made the past year in the school houses outside the village and perhaps under present conditions little more can justly be expected, but if the question of transportation can be satisfactorily arranged, and we are confident it can be, if parents and others will cooperate with the directors, there are at least two of these schools which in the interests of economy and the advantages to the pupils should be closed because of the very small enrolment.

There is much dissatisfaction on the part of the teachers with the readers now in use, and a call for supplemental reading matter. With both the dissatisfaction and the call I am in sympathy. They appear to me to be well grounded. If it does not seem advisable to change readers at present, the demand for supplemental reading matter should at least be granted. A suggestion made by the principal has my approval. It is that a different series of readers be adopted for the outside schools, which may be exchanged at the middle of the year with those used in the graded school.

Behind the highest efficiency of our schools towards which we are aiming are two conditions to which I invite your serious consideration. The first is that as rapidly as possible and as thoroughly as possible the outside schools should be graded and made to give results as good as those obtained in the village schools. The difficulties are obvious, but can in a large degree be overcome by the enforcement of a progressive policy. It will be necessary to adopt a new course of study for all grades, as has been done in the high school, to have it printed, and insist on conformity to it. The superintendent, with the assistance of the princi-

pal, hopes before the opening of another year to submit such a course for your approval.

But even more important and fundamental is the need of adopting the policy of requiring of candidates for positions in our schools more experience and more normal training. Our outside schools especially are suffering from this lack, in most cases, of experience and a technical education. It is not only in the interest of the patrons of the schools, but also in the end in the interest of the teachers themselves that more thorough preparation for the work of teaching should be required. Graduation from our high school is not an adequate preparation either in point of age or in the matter of information. If preference is to be given to our own high school graduates, then it should be with the understanding that their equipment be equal to that of other candidates. This we realize cannot be accomplished at once, but it is our hope that it will become the settled policy of the board of directors.

Respectfully yours,

A. C. FERRIN.

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER.

In this my third annual report I am happy to say that many improvements have been made in our school houses, which make not only for the health of both teachers and scholars but also their comfort.

HIGH SCHOOL

The high school building I have reported every year as all right, and for the present it is all that can be required, but the time is coming when some changes will have to be made on account of the increased attendance.

NORTH SPRINGFIELD

Thanks to the school board we have jacketed stoves in both rooms, and one needs only to make a visit to see the

improvement in ventilation. On the coldest day of this winter there has not been over ten degrees difference in temperature in any part of the room, and should not be even this if the work on the ventilation had been finished up as first intended. As this is the first improvement of the kind in town the work was not thoroughly understood and was not arranged quite as it should have been, but with a few changes can be made perfectly satisfactory. The building has also been repaired, and the out buildings much improved but are not yet as they should be, but we are in hopes to have them in satisfactory condition the coming season.

SPRINGFIELD AND CHESTER

Here I find the traditional red school house and with many needed improvements, and although the ventilation is not what it should be, with the few scholars in attendance it seems very satisfactory.

BAKER DISTRICT

Although this school house is not ventilated as it was last year we find it in fair repair.

PLEASANT VALLEY

This building is in fairly good repair, but needs new blackboards and stove, and the out buildings are not as they should be.

SPENCER HOLLOW

Here I find a new stove, and the buildings in very good condition but should be repainted soon, and new blackboards, walls painted and ceiled overhead.

GILL DISTRICT

We have here one of the pleasantest school houses in town and although the ventilation is bad, with only four to eight scholars, it is not as essential as would be the case with a larger school.

GOULD'S MILLS

I do not know where to commence in criticism here. The house needs thorough repair and painting, new blackboards and new stovepipe are sadly needed. The paper on walls should be removed and walls painted and ceiled over head. I hope this will be the next place for jacketed stoves.

SCRABBLE DISTRICT

The building here is in fairly good repair. The wall paper should be removed and walls painted and some changes made in the out buildings.

PARKER HILL

Here we find great improvements, newly painted out side, newly sheathed inside, and altogether much better than the average country school house.

We find in several schools a serious defect in adjusting the light, especially in the Gill district. The injurious effect on the eyes, of both scholars and teachers, render it imperative to remedy this trouble with sectional shades at the windows that can be drawn from both top and bottom. I have brought this matter before the school board and it is already receiving their attention in several schools. Respectfully yours,

C. W. Locke, M. D., Health Officer.

NOTIFICATION.

The legal voters of the town of Springfield are hereby notified to meet at the Town hall in said town on Tuesday, the seventh day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to transact the following business:

ARTICLE I

"Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" in accordance with section Section 2 of the act to regulate the traffic in intoxicating liquor.

ARTICLE II

To receive and act upon the report of the town auditors.

ARTICLE III

To choose all officers for the ensuing year that the law directs.

ARTICLE IV

To see if the town will fix the salaries of town officers for the ensuing year, and instruct the selectmen to draw orders for the payment of the same:

ARTICLE V

To see if the town will vote the sum of seventy-five dollars to defray the expenses of Memorial Day.

ARTICLE VI

To see if the town will vote the sum of three hundred dollars for the support of the Springfield brass band, upon condition that the band give concerts in the square the same as last year.

ARTICLE VII

To see if the town will vote the sum of five hundred dollars for the support of the Springfield town library.

ARTICLE VIII

To make appropriations for schools, highways, care of the poor, present indebtedness of the town, salaries of the town officers, and for all other purposes which the law requires or which the town may legally vote, and to provide for raising a tax therefor.

ARTICLE IX

To see if the town will vote to pay the taxes to the town treasurer.

ARTICLE X

To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer to borrow money subject to the approval of the selectmen, to meet the requirements of the town the ensuing year.

ARTICLE XI

To do any other business that can legally be done under this notification.

W H Cobb,
Frank Abbott,
F Z Preston;
} Selectmen of Springfield

Springfield, Vt., Feb. 20, 1904.

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